

TOMMY BURNS IS THE FAVORITE

Backed at Odds of 5 to 4 to Whip Gunner Moir for Heavyweight Championship.

ENGLISHMAN IS CONFIDENT

Has Been Offered Long Series of Theatrical Engagements in America if He Wins.

LONDON, December 1.—Memories of the earlier days, when the National Sporting Club was the acknowledged home of professional boxing, have been revived by the prospects of a great battle on December 24, when Tommy Burns, America, and Gunner Moir, England, will meet in that historic building for the heavyweight championship of the world.

This contest is creating greater interest than any since those in which Macae, the last English holder of the title, took part, for there is a feeling in some circles that Moir's greater weight, reach and height and the experience that he has gained in his many fights will be sufficient to overcome Burns' superior tactics, and bring the championship back to England after thirty-seven years. In spite of this feeling, however, Burns remains the favorite in the betting at odds of 5 to 4, and with the expected influx of American money before the night of the fight, the odds probably will have to place greater odds to get their money down. This want of confidence on the part of the betters in the English champion is due to Burns' record in America, and the fact that he is much the faster fighter. Moir is considered slow for an English boxer. The trainers have been working to liven him up, but it is doubtful whether the Englishman will develop enough speed to reach the more active American with his heavy hitting. It is on this hitting that Moir has depended to win his previous battles.

Unless Moir has been overrated—he has never before met a man of Burns' class—the American must deliver some hard hits in those rushes for which he is famous to beat down the sailor, who, the result of being able to take a lot of punishment.

Both the fighters did much earnest training up to Wednesday last, since when they have both satisfied themselves with road work. Moir will enter the ring at about 180 pounds, which is at least ten pounds more than Burns will turn the scales at. The Englishman has also the advantage in height, being 2 1/2 inches taller than his American opponent. Furthermore, he has a considerably longer reach. On the other hand, Burns is known to have a good pair of legs to enable him to rush in and get away, and, besides, he is far more scientific and "uses his head" more than does his opponent.

After some difficulty, Eugene Corri, a member of the Stock Exchange, who knows the game well, has been chosen referee.

Moir has been working hard for the contest, and does all sorts of training stunts to prepare for a fight. After breathing exercises, arm and leg movements and skipping rope, he boxes ten rounds.

NO MONEY FOR CUP RACE

Sweden Decide Not to Challenge Until Financial Stringency is Over.

STOCKHOLM, December 1.—After four hours' discussion yesterday the Royal Swedish Yacht Club decided to let the challenge for the America's Cup drop. William Schiblerger, who had offered to subscribe a large amount of money for the purpose of building a challenger, presented at the beginning of the meeting a written statement that they were unable to raise the money at present owing to the financial stringency, which had been severely felt in Sweden. The discussion which followed indicated that the club would reconsider the matter of a challenge as soon as the money became available.

Mr. Olsson later made the statement that he had not abandoned the enterprise, and that as the New York Yacht Club had not declined the challenge for 700-tonners, Sweden certainly would challenge, notwithstanding the crisis.

TO INCREASE BATTING.

President Pulliam Favors Abolishing Pitchers' Mound.

PITTSBURGH, December 1.—President Harry C. Pulliam is the guest of President Leroy Dettling, having arrived from Oklahoma, where he has been the guest of Cleburne (Bill) Stuart, a former ball player. Stuart said he would actively before the National League at the December meeting that the pitcher's box be made level with field, whereas it is from fifteen to thirty inches above the field. He also wishes to have the league take cognizance of called games and adopt some uniformity so that the employed games can be immediately announced after they have been postponed.

Hamilton Won Pinehurst Tourney.

PINEHURST, N. C., December 1.—The annual Thanksgiving week golf tournament, the opening event in the country club's extending season's program, ended yesterday in a victory by R. H. Hamilton, of the Wyckoff Club, New York, over H. W. Ormsby, of the Alpine Club, New Jersey, on the home green after a keen match. Dr. George S. Hill, of Marlborough, Mass., took the consolation trophy from J. M. Robinson, of Littleton, N. H., 1 up and 2 to 1.

Kentucky Futurity Nominations.

On Monday the color and sex of foals eligible to the Kentucky Futurity through the nomination of their dams must be given. This is the race to be given by two-year-olds to 1909 and by three-year-olds in 1910. The list of those that produced living foals in 1907 will show to a great degree when made public just how extensive was the crop of trotting-bred colts and fillies raised in this country this year, as the foals of two-thirds of the best mares bred in 1906 are eligible to this event.

Accident to a Thoroughbred.

LEXINGTON, KY., December 1.—C. W. Moore's imp, Ingoldby, one of the most promising young thoroughbred sires of the blue grass, fell in his paddock yesterday and broke his left hip. The horse will have to be destroyed. He was sixteen years old, bred by Chilesburg, Ind., Mrs. Hill, of Nagregor, and imported by John R. Keene.

DAWES ON MONEY CRISIS

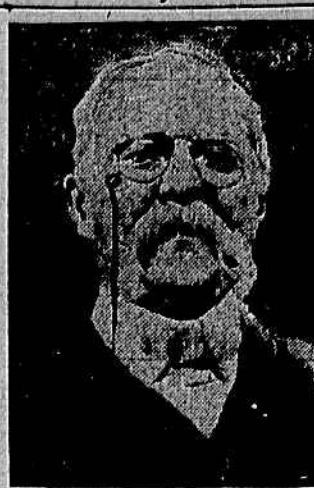
Too Great Disproportion Between Cash and Debts to Be Paid.

ST. LOUIS, MO., December 1.—Charles C. Dawes, of Chicago, former Comptroller of the Currency, was the guest of honor last night at a regular dinner of the St. Louis Commercial Club, and made a speech concerning the "Present Financial Situation." Its causes and its remedies, as to the present financial stringency, he asserted that the responsibility for the monetary crisis could not be assigned to any particular group of speculators in Wall Street. He said the stringency resulted from the cash in which debts are redeemed and the debts themselves.

December 2d in the Annals of Sport

- 1870—At New York—Albert Garnier defeated Cyrille Dion, billiards, for challenge cup, three-ball game.
- 1895—At Maspeth, L. I.—George Lavigne defeated Joe Walcott in fifteen rounds.
- 1898—At San Francisco—Robert Fitzsimmons lost on a foul to Tom Sharkey in the eighth round.
- 1899—At Philadelphia—Tommy Ryan and Tommy West fought six rounds; no decision.
- 1901—At Milwaukee—Battling Nelson and Joe Perconte fought a six-round battle; no decision.
- 1906—At Philadelphia—Jack Johnson and Joe Jeannette fought six rounds; no decision.

Edward Payson Weston



Sixty-nine-year-old pedestrian, who has completed a world-record tank.

AMUSEMENTS

Academy—Dark.
Bijou—A Contented Woman.
Idewood—Skating Rink and Wild Animal Show.

Visited Jungle on Sunday.

Commencing to-day at the Ferrari Jungle and Wild Animal Show at Idewood Park, a full brass band will furnish the music before the performance, during the presentation of the acts in the arena and during the feeding of the animals. Since the opening the Ferrari show has used an immense Gavioli orchestra, made especially for use at the great Milan Exposition. A band, however, is much more desirable. It should have been here for the opening last Wednesday, but for some reason was detained in New York. The party arrived yesterday, and will furnish the music hereafter. The band will play all the latest and most popular music, and will give an hour's concert before each performance. Hundreds visited the jungle yesterday, and found enjoyment in seeing the animals and watching the feeding of them. A 10-cent admission fee was charged. No tickets were sold until at least 200 or 300 had assembled and begged that they be allowed to go in. Colonel Ferrari put one of his men at the door and those passing by dropped in a dime.

At the Bijou.

The Masonic fraternity is well represented in the company which plays "A Contented Woman" at the Bijou this week. Fred E. Wright, the owner of the company, and who will be remembered by his "York State Folks" Company and the excellent "Beauty Doctor" is thirty-second degree Mason, as is Charles P. Morrison, who plays "Cutting Hims," and of the plays "The Hot Characters," and greatest of the Hot characters, and who played "Gayboy" when the "Beauty Doctor" was last seen here. Various other members of the company are Masons of greater or less degree. Morrison has a parody in the piece based on Masonry, which he sings remarkably well.

Jeanette Patterson, who plays the dashing widow, Lillia Montague, with B. C. Whitney's musical comedy "Pitt Past Pour" is one of the really, truthfully original Florida sextette, and was also one of the sextette of the "River Shipper." She has since been a member of the Fisher and Ryle opera companies, and last season played the role of "Florence," the Spanish girl, in B. C. Whitney's "The Isle of Bong Bug," with such pronounced success that immediately the season ended Whitney signed her for the important role she is to play in "Pitt Past Pour." Miss Patterson will be seen with "Pitt Past Pour" at the Bijou soon. A chorus of fifteen pretty girls appear in "The Hired Girls' Millions," the new musical melodrama, written for the Russell Brothers, by Charles E. Blaney.

Indoor Baseball Contest.

At the Skating Rink this week several events of special interest will be pulled off. Another indoor baseball contest is being arranged for the early part of the week, possibly Wednesday night. On Friday night some good races will take place. Taylor challenged Figg, the winner on last Friday night, for another contest, and the challenge was promptly accepted. Another event for Friday night will be a race in which the participants will have to jump hurdles placed around the track. New pictures will be shown during the week. The management is trying to arrange for a wrestling match between Phil Hinton, the well known baseball player, and Schermer, of Philadelphia, to take place at the rink soon. Hinton is quite an artist on the mat, having figured in several matches in Baltimore, his old home.

"The Great Divide."

Stay-at-homes, who have not visited New York City during the past two years, will soon have an opportunity to discuss intelligently one of the greatest dramatic successes of the past decade with their more fortunate neighbors who have had the advantage of a Broadway piece of the "Great Divide" during the two years' run in the metropolis. William Vaughn Moody's vivid American drama is to be presented at the Academy tomorrow night and Wednesday matinee and night under the direction of Henry Miller, who produced and presented "The Divided House" at the Princess theatre, and later at Daly's Theatre, New York, where it attained a record-breaking run of over 500 performances.

THANK MR. RICHARDS

East End People Express Gratitude for Securing Better Transfer System.

East End citizens have adopted resolutions expressing their appreciation of the work of Councilman C. E. Richards, who interested himself in securing for them transfers over the Seventeenth Street car line. Employees at the Chesapeake and Ohio shops and at the American Locomotive Works are especially grateful, as the old transfer system worked a hardship on them. The matter was brought to the attention of Councilman Richards and he at once proceeded to see what could be done to relieve the situation. An interview with the Passenger and Ticketing Company resulted very satisfactorily, and the matter was settled without difficulty. The resolutions also convey thanks to the company for their favorable action in the matter.

Insurance Man Dead.

NEW YORK, December 1.—Phyllander C. Boyce, secretary of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, died suddenly of heart failure at the Grand Central Station, where, with his wife, he was waiting for a train to take them to their home at Hartford, Conn. Mr. Boyce was sixty-nine years of age and widely known in insurance circles.

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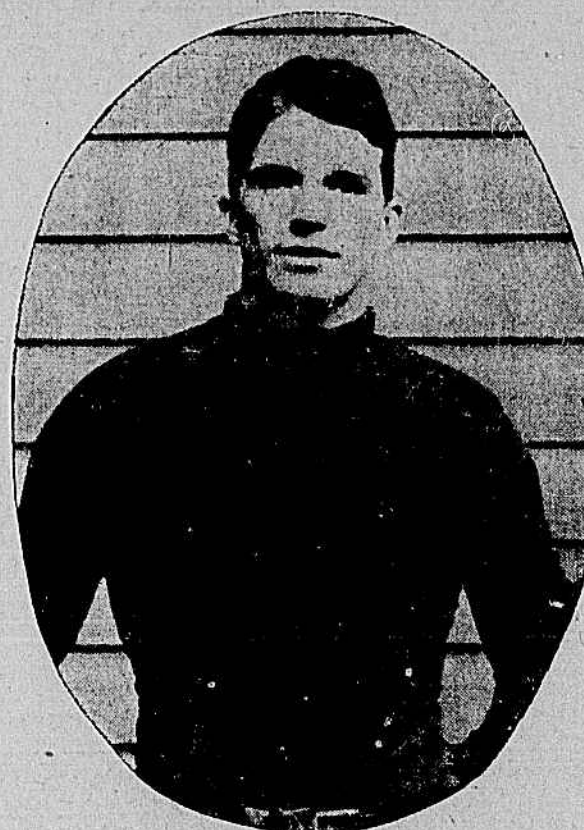
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CRACK PLAYER OF WEST POINT



CAPTAIN SMITH, OF THE ARMY TEAM.

THE PRIDE OF THE NAVY



CAPTAIN DOUGLAS, OF THE NAVY.

REVIEW OF THE FOOTBALL SEASON JUST PASSED

BY A. H. TAYLOR.

Champions:
Yale in the North.
Vanderbilt in the South.
Chicago in the West.

With the games of Saturday, the football season of 1907 passed into history, and the canvasses will go into the limbo of the past. The season, from the University of Pennsylvania to the University of California, was a most interesting one, and the time remaining for play. The reversible score-board is simple and easily arranged, and a man following the play may signal the man operating the board. One board on each side of the gridiron might be provided, so that spectators could see the play as it really is.

The forward pass should be retained, despite clamor from those teams who have been unsuccessful with it. It is a spectacular play, and it affords room for strategic formations, and is an attractive variation of the monotony of line-bumping and attempted end runs. The game is one of strategy and variety. The mere excess of evolutions is no longer the decisive factor. A light, fast, well-drilled team has a better chance to win than a slow, heavy, beefy eleven that depends upon brute strength and superior weight.

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ors by both distinguishes one team's players from another.

Need Score-Boards.

Still another need on the local football field is a score-board device, such as that used on Lafayette Field, Norfolk, indicating the possession of the ball, the number of downs and the distance to be gained on next down. The University of Pennsylvania also has a clock indicating the number of minutes played, and the time remaining for play. The reversible score-board is simple and easily arranged, and a man following the play may signal the man operating the board. One board on each side of the gridiron might be provided, so that spectators could see the play as it really is.

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Second place is purely a guess. Dartmouth also finished the season unbeaten, but Amherst, which it beat 15 to 10, and Harvard, which it defeated by Dartmouth 22 to 0, were the only formidable eleven met. Princeton and Yale either could have beaten Dartmouth, and so also, could Pennsylvania and possibly Cornell and Carlisle also.

Mixed Up Records.

Pennsylvania lost but one game, and that to the Indians. It defeated Cornell, which beat Princeton, yet lost to the Indians, whom Princeton decisively defeated. It defeated Michigan, Cornell, Brown and Lafayette. Princeton was beaten only by Cornell (6 to 5) and by Yale (12 to 10), both games being practically ties. It defeated the Indians and Amherst and every other team played. Harvard was beaten by Yale and barely succeeded in posing Brown out for victory. Princeton is probably best entitled to rank second to Yale, with Pennsylvania or Dartmouth as next best contender, but these are matters of opinion merely.

In the West Chicago is probably entitled to the palm, having defeated Minnesota, 17 to 10, while the Indians defeated Minnesota but 12 to 10. Michigan is the other claimant for Western honors. York's team, however, being beaten by Pennsylvania. The Indians, however, beat Chicago 15 to 4, or about as bad as they defeated Pennsylvania.

In the South Vanderbilt University apparently has a clear title to championship honors, having beaten the Sewanee team, which beat Virginia and Clemson, having tied the Naval Academy, which defeated the V. P. I., and having been beaten only by Michigan and that by two field goals. Even then

Vanderbilt did not meet A. & M. of North Carolina, nor Davidson College, nor V. P. I. The University of Virginia, beaten by Sewanee, by Washington and Lee, by A. & M. of North Carolina, and practically tied by V. M. I., is far back among the also rans, as they say in truck parlance. Virginia did not develop effective team play and was never as strong as the material at hand made possible.

V. P. I. First in Virginia.

Of the Virginia team V. P. I. ranks first, having been beaten only by Davidson, of North Carolina, and then by a fluke, according to those who saw it. The decisive defeat of North Carolina, and the excellent showing against the Navy in the same week, show V. P. I. to be among the strongest Southern teams.

V. M. I. made its poorest showing against its ancient rival, the Tees, being beaten 22 to 0, though it practically tied the university and was barely beaten by Davidson, which beat V. P. I. Unquestionably the V. M. I. had a very good season.

It played North Carolina 11 to 13, and another Hampden-Sidney, 25 to 0. Then came the slaughter of the University of Virginia, which it beat 22 to 0. Finally the disastrous game with Randolph-Macon on Saturday, when its entire season's record was neutralized. It would take a

reader indeed to work out the honors in the Richmond, William and Mary, Hampden-Sidney, Randolph-Macon situation. William and Mary beat Hampden-Sidney and Randolph-Macon; Richmond beat Hampden-Sidney and William and Mary; and Randolph-Macon beat Richmond. It's a toss-up to choose the strongest team. On its season's work against stronger teams Richmond College has the better showing and its decisive defeat by William and Mary and Hampden-Sidney gives it claims to consideration. The Randolph-Macon has beaten Richmond twice—once by 12 to 11, and then by 14 to 10.

Shawington and Lee made a strong showing against Bucknell, being beaten by a safety made by one of its own men in a moment of thoughtlessness, or through a misapprehension, to the result of his action. It beat the University, 6-5, and was beaten but 5 to 0, by V. P. I. It is entitled to rank highest among the Virginia teams.

A. & M. of North Carolina, by defeating Davidson and Virginia, is entitled to high rank in Southern football, but it is extremely doubtful whether the Carolina Aggies could have beaten V. P. I., but this is an undecided matter.

SPORTS OF THE WEEK

NEW YORK, December 1.—The close of the football season on Saturday with the Army-Navy game, leaves the field of amateur sports quite barren of immediate events of wide interest. Attention during the week, therefore, will centre on professional sports, among which will be the ring contest in London on Monday night between Burns and Moir; the balk-line billiard match at Chicago, and the beginning of the annual six-day bicycle race next Sunday night in New York.

No international sporting events of recent months has attracted as much attention as the twenty-round fight for the world's heavyweight championship on Monday night, in the famous National Sporting Club, London. Tommy Burns, the American and Australian champion, and Gunner Moir, champion of England.

Shortly after midnight, next Sunday night, in Madison Square Garden, New York, the six-day bicyclists will start on their annual grind. Among the favorites will be the twenty-round fight for the world's heavyweight championship on Monday night, in the famous National Sporting Club, London.

An interesting balk-line billiard contest will be held on Monday night at Chicago, when Jake Scholander will defend his title to the 151 inch championship against George Sutton.

FINLEY FAVORS ADJUSTING

This Is Best for the Public and for Railroads to End the Litigation.

CHARLESTON, S. C., December 1.—President W. W. Finley, of the Southern Railway Company, who was in Charleston last night, in speaking of passenger rate conditions in the South, stated that he believed it to be in the interests of the people, as well as the transportation companies, that an earnest effort should be made to adjust the matters affecting passenger rates now in litigation in some of the Southern States, and if possible arrive at a basis which would assure relative uniformity of intrastate passenger rates, and at the same time an adjustment of interstate rates as well. Although it involves financial sacrifices, he said that it is the policy of the Southern Railway to bring this about if possible, and that the public served by the Southern Railway Company in the States in which there has been no legislation on this subject can rest assured that their interests in the matter will be fully protected by voluntary action on the part of his company.